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CHAPTER VIII. ILLICIT TRAFFIC (Form of Annual Reports E/NR. Form/1983)

Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-92b. No.

93a-b. Very small-scale illicit cannabis cultivation was detected and destroyed by the Police in the provinces of Carinthia, Lower Austria and Styria.

94a-97b. No.

Smuggling and trafficking

98a-99. In general, there were no significant changes in illicit traffic in comparison with 1982. Beside the usual methods of concealment, smuggling of heroin in condoms and sealed cigarette packs (originating in Pakistan) was detected. There was increasing availability of heroin from Pakistan. It seems that the "Balkan route" has lost some of its importance and large shipments of cannabis from the Near and Middle East to Western Europe were smuggled by vessel.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity	Number of seizures
Opium	5 kg 763 g	15
Liquid opium	1 g	1
Morphine	190 g	9
Heroin	7 kg 181 g	248
Cannabis herb	499 kg 126 g	185
Cannabis resin	75 kg 180 g	806
Liquid cannabis	2 kg 233 g	34
Cannabis plants	300 kg	4
Amphetamines and other stimulants	102 doses	5
LSD	1 458 doses	36

100b. The decrease in the quantities seized is attributable to the fact that no major individual seizures were made at border-stations during 1983.

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b.

Wholesale (per kg):	$	US$*/
Cannabis herb	40 000 - 90 000	2 240 - 5 040
Heroin (purity: 20% - 40%)	700 000 - 1 100 000	39 200 - 61 600
Cocaine	600 000 - 1 000 000	33 600 - 56 000
Retail (per g):		
Cannabis herb	70 - 150	3.92 - 8.40
Heroin	1 000 - 3 500	56 - 196
Cocaine	2 500 - 3 000	140 - 168

101c-d. -

Prosecutions

102. 7 471 persons were prosecuted in connection with the following drugs:

	Number of persons
Opium	95
Morphine	75
Heroin	1 601
Synthetic narcotics	8
Cocaine	140
Cannabis and cannabis resin	5 039
Amphetamines and other stimulants	188
LSD and other hallucinogens	325

103a-b. No.

104a-b. 328 foreigners were involved in drug offences, the largest numbers being from Germany (Fed. Rep.) - 74; Iran (Islamic Republic of) - 22; Italy - 14; Turkey - 40; Yugoslavia - 33; Switzerland - 27; United Kingdom - 11; United States of America - 12.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105. Organizations responsible: Federal Police and Gendarmerie.

106. Specialized units: See paragraph 105. above.

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*/ Rate of exchange: $ 1 = US$ 0.056

107. Co-ordination and exchange of information and joint investigation of cases by law enforcement authorities are determined by laws, decrees and office regulations.

108a. The office ensuring liaison on a national basis forms part of the services responsible for the National Central Bureau of ICPO/Interpol. Police and Gendarmerie operate under the direct supervision of the "Central Narcotics Department" (Abt. II/8) within the ICPO/Interpol Office, Vienna.

108b-c. -

109a-b. Liason is maintained between Austrian authorities and multilateral working groups in Germany, Fed. Rep. (Wiesbaden, Munich and Stuttgart).

Suggestions

110a-b. -